

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 813

To amend the National Labor Relations Act to apply the protections of the Act to teaching and research assistants.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2009

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. FEINGOLD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Teaching and Research  
5 Assistant Collective Bargaining Rights Act”.

### 6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

7 Section 2(3) of the National Labor Relations Act (29  
8 U.S.C. 152(3)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “(3)” and inserting “(3)(A)”;

10 and

1           (2) by adding at the end the following:  
2           “(B) The term ‘employee’ includes a student enrolled  
3 at an institution of higher education (as defined in section  
4 101 or 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
5 U.S.C. 1001, 1002), other than an institution of a State  
6 or political subdivision) who is performing work for remuneration at the direction of the institution, whether or not  
7 the work relates to the student’s course of study.”.

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